

to honor America, and further declares that there be public gatherings and activities at which the people of the United States can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate manner.

(Pub. L. 94-33, June 13, 1975, 89 Stat. 211.)

§ 158. Stephen Foster Memorial Day

The President of the United States is authorized to issue a proclamation designating January 13 of each year as Stephen Foster Memorial Day, and calling upon the people throughout the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies, pilgrimages to his shrines, and musical programs featuring his compositions.

(Oct. 27, 1951, ch. 593, 65 Stat. 659.)

§ 159. Constitution Week; designation; proclamation; observance

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week, and to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such week in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Aug. 2, 1956, ch. 875, 70 Stat. 932.)

§ 160. National Defense Transportation Day; proclamation; designation; observance

The President of the United States is authorized and requested annually to issue a proclamation designating the third Friday of May of each year as National Defense Transportation Day, and urging the people of the United States, including labor, management, users, and investors, in all communities served by any of the various forms of transportation by land, by sea, and by air, to observe this occasion by appropriate ceremonies which will give full recognition to the importance to each and every community and the people thereof of our transportation system and the maintenance of its facilities in the most modern state of adequacy to serve our needs in times of peace and in national defense.

(Pub. L. 85-32, May 16, 1957, 71 Stat. 30.)

§ 161. National Safe Boating Week

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to proclaim annually the¹ seven day period ending on the last Friday before Memorial Day as “National Safe Boating Week”.

(Pub. L. 85-445, June 4, 1958, 72 Stat. 179; Pub. L. 96-376, § 9, Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1510; Pub. L. 103-206, title III, § 318(a), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2427.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-206 substituted “the seven day period ending on the last Friday before Memorial Day” for “week commencing on the first Sunday in June”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-376 substituted authorization for proclamation of a National Safe Boating Week com-

mencing on the first Sunday in June for prior authorization of such Week during week including July 4.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Section 318(b) of Pub. L. 103-206 provided that: “This section [amending this section] is effective January 1, 1995.”

RECITAL CLAUSES

Pub. L. 85-445 upon which this section is based contained several “Whereas” clauses reading as follows:

“Whereas our people in increasing numbers are taking part in boating activities on the waters of our Nation, with more than twenty million expected to participate during 1958; and

“Whereas safety is essential for the full enjoyment of boating; and

“Whereas many lives can be spared and injuries and property damage avoided by safe boating practices; and

“Whereas it is proper and fitting that national attention should be focused on the need for safe boating practices * * *.”

§ 162. Loyalty Day

The 1st day of May of each year is designated as Loyalty Day and is to be set aside as a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom; and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on such day and inviting the people of the United States to observe such day, in schools and other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

(Pub. L. 85-529, July 18, 1958, 72 Stat. 369.)

§ 163. National Forest Products Week

The seven-day period beginning on the third Sunday of October in each year is designated as National Forest Products Week, and the President is requested to issue annually a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

(Pub. L. 86-753, Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 898.)

§ 164. Law Day, U.S.A.; designation; proclamation; observance

The first day of May of each year is hereby designated as Law Day, U.S.A. It is set aside as a special day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America; of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other as well as with other nations; and for the cultivation of that respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all public officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on such day and inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with suitable ceremonies and other appropriate ways, through public bodies and private organizations as well as in schools and other suitable places.

¹ So in original.